

shackle. The ring is provided with ball bearings in the outer surface to engage the arcuate groove to limit lateral movement of the shackle to insure smooth and easy movement of the shackle and to avoid noise often cause by a loose fit of shackles.

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

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Referring to the drawings and particularly to ~~Figures~~ **Figure** 1, a disc type padlock is designated generally at 10 and is provided with a recess or notch 12, which is open at the circumference of the disc shaped body 14 in the illustrated unlocked condition of the lock. Notch 12 is closed by a portion 15 of a shackle 16 as seen in Figure ~~1~~ **2** in the locked position of the lock 10. In that position the shackle portion 15 is intended to receive portions of items to be locked or disabled such as hasps or chain links.

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In a preferred embodiment of the invention, the shackle 16 is provided with anti-friction bearing such as ball bearings 40. The bearings 40 are embedded in **stationary locations at** the surface of the shackle so that only a small surface portion protrudes to engage the walls of the internal groove 22 in the body 14 of the padlock 10. The bearings 40 are disposed in pairs to act against inner surfaces of groove 22. One pair of bearings 40 is disposed near the trailing end 28 of shackle 16. Another pair of bearings 40 are embedded in the surface of the shackle 16 in spaced relationship to the leading end 26 of the shackle 16 as best seen in Figure 3. The two pairs of bearings 40 are disposed in diametrically opposed relationship to each other to facilitate support and alignment of shackle 16 relative to the surfaces of groove ~~16~~ **22**.